

# AKRON OHIO STAKE

## Elder Steven E. Snow to Preside at Stake Conference

Stake Conference will be held May 19 and 20 at the Stake Center in Tallmadge. Elder Steven E. Snow, Church Historian and General Authority Seventy, will preside over the meetings and will speak to the congregation at both the Saturday evening session and the Sunday morning session. All are invited to attend.



Elder Steven E. Snow was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on March 31, 2001. He previously served as a member of the Presidency of the Seventy from 2007 to 2012. During that time he had supervisory responsibility for the Utah Areas as well as the North America Central Area. He has also served as executive director of the Priesthood and Family Department and as President of the Africa Southeast Area of the Church. He is currently serving as Church historian and recorder and is the executive director of the Church History Department.

Prior to his call to serve as a full-time General Authority of the Church, Elder Snow was a senior partner in the Utah law firm of Snow Nuffer. Elder Snow has been actively involved

in supporting education, having served as a member and president of his local school board, chairman of the Utah State Board of Regents, and chairman of the Western States Commission of Higher Education.



The St. George, Utah, native attended Dixie College and earned his bachelor's degree in accounting at Utah State University and his law degree at Brigham Young University.

Elder Snow has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the North German Mission, bishop, stake president, president of the California San Fernando Mission (1994–1997), and Area Seventy in the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy for the Utah South Area.

Steven Erastus Snow was born in St. George, Utah, on November 23, 1949. He married Phyllis Squire in June 1971. They are the parents of four sons.

*Stake  
Presidency  
Message*

*from*

*President Laubaugh*

<https://youtu.be/Gyd2zDNIYJo>



# RELIEF SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

by Sister April Talley, Stake RS Second Counselor

What a wonderful and exciting General Conference we had last month. Of course, of utmost excitement is the retirement of Visiting Teaching and accepting the holier charge to Minister to our sisters and others in a manner like the Savior's.

As women we have an inborn talent for nurturing and caring for others. Consider Esther, who overcame her well-grounded fear to save her people. Or Ruth, who although she didn't share the same beliefs as her mother-in-law, Naomi, stayed with her and helped her at a time of loss. Think of the women aboard a ship who pled successfully with Laman and Lemuel to spare the lives of Nephi and Sam. Or Mary, who wiped the feet of Jesus with her hair, and anointed Him with oil. All these women found ways to minister.

We may not be in such grand situations as the women in the scriptures, but each of us has someone within our circle of influence who is in need of ministering. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland from the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in the October 2012 General

Conference reminded us with these inspired words.

*"...we have neighbors to bless, children to protect, the poor to lift up, and the truth to defend. We have wrongs to make right, truths to share, and good to do. In short, we have a life of devoted discipleship to give in demonstrating our love of the Lord."*

Prayerfully consider ways in which you can uplift another. Your effort may be as simple as a text message saying you were thinking of that person. It may be setting aside a dozen cookies (the ones your family loves!) to take to someone who has been on your mind lately.

Pay attention to the thoughts the Spirit may whisper to you about a neighbor or friend or family member. When we pay attention, the Lord will show us those who need a little extra care. As we minister in this way, we are showing others the Lord's love and concern, and we are truly showing the Lord how much we love Him.



# Easthill Branch Presidency

**Branch President Dennis Grella** and his wife Donna joined the Church in 1982 in Medina. They have four sons: Dustin, Darrin, Devin, and Drew. President Grella is a civil engineer and consultant, and he enjoys design and building. He still enjoys working at their farm, driving with the top down, and renting apartments.

**First Counselor Kelly McEntire** and his wife Marie have three grown sons and have lived in Ohio for 23 years, living in the Medina and part of the Wadsworth ward. They met at BYU and moved to Maryland where they lived for 11 years after Brother McEntire started to work for NASA as a mechanical engineer. He still works for NASA in Cleveland. Brother McEntire has a side business where he flips a couple of houses per year and rents homes. He is originally from Preston, Idaho, and Marie is from Niagara Falls, Ontario. He served his mission in Tahiti and the Cook Islands. They both also serve as the Pathway Missionaries working with the young adult group for the last two and a half years. They enjoy traveling and will be going to Utah and Ireland this summer.



*Kelly McEntire, Kurt Fitzgerald, Dennis Grella*

**Second Counselor Kurt Fitzgerald** was born in West Germany. He was adopted by a wonderful family and grew up in the military. Brother Fitzgerald has lived in the Philippines and in several states in the US as well. He is married to Kirsten Fitzgerald who grew up in Northeast Ohio. They have four children, two grandchildren, and two crazy dogs.

*The Easthill Branch Presidency invite all Young Single Adults (ages 18-30) to attend the Easthill Branch. It meets for Sacrament every Sunday at 12:30 in the Tallmadge building.*



Using the #JustServe app, Lori Whitmore of Columbus, Ohio, was able to find a volunteer opportunity for her 10-year-old son with the Miracle League. The Miracle League provides a unique opportunity for children with mental and physical challenges to enjoy American's favorite pastime — baseball! They do this by partnering a typically developing child with another child with a disability.

*Follow @just\_serve on Instagram  
for daily service inspiration*

*This Spring, grow your service  
mindset with JustServe*







# Save Our Souls

**In conjunction with the Akron Ohio Stake 2018 Progress plan, each member can participate in the following ways:**

- Register on FamilySearch.org
  - Members also have access to free accounts with Ancestry.com, findmypast, MyHeritage and others
- Find and submit 1 name for ordinance work in 2018
- Take names to the temple
- Find someone who needs assistance and teach them family history work

**Register with  
FamilySearch**

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**Find ancestors**

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**Submit names**

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**Perform  
ordinances**

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**Teach others**

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or Ward Family History Leaders

# RESTRUCTURED ELDERS QUORUMS IN THE AKRON OHIO STAKE

## AKRON WARD

Elders Quorum President — Darryl Jones

1st Counselor — John Rumel

2nd Counselor — Mat Taylor

## ASHLAND WARD

Elders Quorum President —

James Mathatas

1st Counselor — Gregory Gorrell

2nd Counselor — Shawn Landoll

## CANTON WARD

Elders Quorum President —

Nathan Miller

1st Counselor — Wade Most

2nd Counselor — Jeff West

## MASSILLON WARD

Elders Quorum President —

Mark Varner

1st Counselor — Ron Roberts

2nd Counselor — Ryan Barnett

## MEDINA WARD

Elders Quorum President — Reed Richins

1st Counselor — PJ King

2nd Counselor — Steve Gay

## NEW PHILADELPHIA WARD

Elders Quorum President — John Center

1st Counselor — Gary Yeates

2nd Counselor — Jared Dunlap

## NEW PORTAGE BRANCH

Elders Quorum President — Thomas Phillips

1st Counselor — Kellen

Nebelski

2nd Counselor — Vern

Kesweder

## TALLMADGE WARD

Elders Quorum President —

Clayton Johnson

1st Counselor — Michael

Coon

2nd Counselor — Joel Biggs

## WADSWORTH WARD

Elders Quorum President —

David Tefteller

1st Counselor — Devon

Griffon

2nd Counselor — Steve Miller

## WOOSTER WARD

Elders Quorum President — Thomas Bateman

1st Counselor — Royce B. Thornton

2nd Counselor — John Paul Abbott

## EASTHILL YSA BRANCH

Elders Quorum President — Steven Smith

1st Counselor — Kyler Weisgarber

*“... we announce a significant restructuring of our Melchizedek Priesthood quorums to accomplish the work of the Lord more effectively. In each ward, the high priests and the elders will now be combined into one elders quorum. This adjustment will greatly enhance the capacity and the ability of men who bear the priesthood to serve others.”*

President Russell M. Nelson,  
General Conference, April 2018

## Family History Corner

by Jeanne Peugh,  
Director



## Minister in Family History Work

*To minister is any act of service  
done in genuine love for another.*

There is a song that expresses our love and service to our ancestors, [“They Are My Family.”](#) words and music by Angie Killian

*When I hear the stories*

*of those who came before me.*

*And of their faith and diligence.*

*It gives me strength to be my best*

*And when I see their pictures  
or hold our family treasures  
My heart can feel their love for me;  
They are my family  
I will try to find them,  
So Priesthood keys can bind them  
To make a chain of family  
that last through all eternity.  
And someday when I meet them.  
With open arms, I'll greet them  
For I will know them instantly.  
They are my family.*

Let us be about “ministering” to our ancestors on the other side. President Ezra Taft Benson said: “Sometimes the veil between this life and the life beyond becomes very thin. Our loved ones who have passed on are not far from us” (in Conference Report, April 1971).

# Ward Window

## ~ Tallmadge ~

submitted by Bishop Kumen Call

*It's been a busy start to 2018 in the Tallmadge ward. Highlighted by our first quarter ward temple trip, a ward challenge to memorize "The Living Christ", combining with the Pilgrim United Church of Christ to serve dinner to those in need, and the great blessing of sustaining our new Prophet, President Russell M. Nelson.*

### WARD TEMPLE TRIP:

We were blessed to be joined in our quarterly ward temple trip by several new converts who were going to the temple for the first time to perform proxy baptisms. As a ward, we have found great strength in attending the temple together, and although we can't all go at the same time, we can all serve and encourage our ward family to prepare for the blessings of attending the temple. As we return from serving in the temple, we find greater strength and resolve to help everyone set a goal to attend the temple themselves.

### MEMORIZATION CHALLENGE:

As a ward, we accepted the challenge to memorize "The Living Christ, the Testimony of the Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" in preparation for General Conference. We found great blessings, and pearls of knowledge, as we tested our memorization skills.

### INTER-FAITH TEAM-UP:

The High Priests Group joined with the Pilgrim United Church of Christ (PUCC) to serve food to those in need at the PUCC church building in Cuyahoga Falls. Lives were blessed, and friends were made.

The quarter culminated as we sustained our new Prophet, President Nelson, during General Conference. What a blessing to know that the Lord leads His church through such a great man. We love and sustain our new prophet!

## BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER SPECIALS

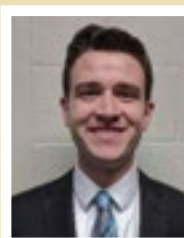
The two sale items that are good until the end of May: **Flour, White** (10-year shelf life) 4 lb. can is \$2.50 or a case is 6 cans for \$15.00, and **Carrots** (10-year shelf life) 2.8 lb. can is \$8.00 or a case of 6 cans for \$48.00.

We have a few new items that we didn't carry before such as Honey and Peanut Butter. These are good items to have in your food storage. We suggest that if you are starting your food storage, start with one month and try items that you think your family would like and then go to three months. Start small and work at it gradually when funds are available. We are open on Wednesday and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We hope all of you will take the time to come and see our family Home Storage Center and what is available to our members in the five-stake area that use this facility.

You can call the home storage on those days should you have questions for Elder and Sister Juhasz or Elder and Sister Carpenter.

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### MISSIONARY LEAVING



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# 7th Annual Ohio LDS Music Conference

September 8, 2018

9:00 am—3:00 pm

2135 Baldwin Rd., Reynoldsburg, Ohio



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# STAKE CALENDAR EVENTS

May 2018

## Sunday, May 6

Fast Sunday  
Worldwide Devotional Broadcast for Young Adults 8-9 p.m.

## Sunday, May 13

LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr,  
Wadsworth 7 p.m.

## Saturday, May 19

Stake Leadership Training/Tallmadge 3:30 -5:30 p.m.  
Stake Conference Adult Session/Tallmadge 7-9 p.m.

## Sunday, May 20

Stake Conference/Tallmadge 10 a.m. - noon  
Stake Seminary Graduation/Canton 6:30 - 8 p.m.

## Sunday, May 27

Massillon Ward Conference

June 2018

## Sunday, June 3

Fast Sunday

## Sunday, June 10

Medina Ward Conference  
LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr,  
Wadsworth 7 p.m.

## Monday-Saturday, June 11-16

LDS Scout Camp Week/Camp Beaumont

## Thursday-Saturday, June 21

Stake Youth Conference

## Sunday, June 24

New Philadelphia Ward Conference

July 2018

## Sunday, July 1

Fast Sunday

## Monday-Saturday, July 2-7

LDS Scout Camp Week/MVSR

## Sunday, July 8

LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr,  
Wadsworth 7 p.m.

## Monday-Friday, July 16-20

YW Camp/Johnson Farm

## Saturday, July 21

Broadcast of Mormon Tabernacle Choir Pioneer Day Concert  
10 p.m.

## Sunday, July 22

New Portage Branch Conference 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

# Self-Reliance Spotlight

## Stake Update

Our eight active self-reliance groups are now more than halfway complete. Lives continue to be blessed as they learn, commit and act. Our next round of groups will begin this summer (exact date TBD).

## Principle #6 – Work: Take Responsibility and Persevere

“God has designed this mortal existence to require nearly constant exertion. . . . By work, we sustain and enrich life. . . . Work builds and refines character, creates beauty, and is the instrument of our service to one another and to God. A consecrated life is filled with work, sometimes repetitive, ... sometimes unappreciated but always work that improves, ... lifts, [and] aspires.”

D. Todd Christofferson, “Reflections on a Consecrated Life,” *Ensign*, Nov. 2010.

## Invitation

Choose something that is hard or uncomfortable and finish the task. Ponder on what it took to accomplish the task. Write it down in your journal.

Learn more within the  
*My Foundation* workbook on [srs.lds.org](http://srs.lds.org)

